

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Wen-Jen Kuo  
Application No. : Not Yet Assigned  
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Title : AN AXIAL COMPLIANT MEANS FOR A SCROLL  
MACHINE  
Group Art Unit : Not Yet Assigned  
Examiner : Not Yet Assigned  
Docket No. : BHT-3223-31

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 7-10 and add new claims 11-14 as follows:

–7. (Amended) An axial compliant means for a scroll machine as claimed in Claim 5, wherein, the annular recess being formed by an annular ring provided integrally onto the piston and inserted into an annular recess on the frame; a sealing element being each provided sealing respectively the inner and the outer 5 circumferences of the corresponding annular ring and recess.

8. (Amended) An axial compliant means for a scroll machine as claimed in Claim 5, wherein, the annular recess being formed by an annular ring provided integrally onto the frame and inserted into an annular recess on the piston; and a sealing element being each provided sealing respectively the inner and the outer 5 circumferences of the corresponding annular ring and recess.

9. (Amended) An axial compliant means for a scroll machine as claimed in Claim 5, wherein, the annular recess being formed by an annular ring provided independently and inserted into an annular recess on the frame; and a sealing element being each provided sealing respectively the inner and the outer 5 circumferences of the corresponding annular ring and recess.

10. (Amended) An axial compliant means for a scroll machine as claimed in Claim 5, wherein, the annular recess being formed by an annular ring provided independently and inserted into an annular recess on the piston; and a sealing element being each provided sealing respectively the inner and the outer 5 circumferences of the corresponding annular ring and recess.

11. (New) An axial compliant means for a scroll machine as claimed in Claim 6, wherein, the annular recess being formed by an annular ring provided integrally onto the piston and inserted into an annular recess on the frame; a sealing element being each provided sealing respectively the inner and the outer 5 circumferences of the corresponding annular ring and recess.

12. (New) An axial compliant means for a scroll machine as claimed in Claim 6, wherein, the annular recess being formed by an annular ring provided integrally onto the frame and inserted into an annular recess on the piston; and a sealing element being each provided sealing respectively the inner and the outer  
5 circumferences of the corresponding annular ring and recess.

13. (New) An axial compliant means for a scroll machine as claimed in Claim 6, wherein, the annular recess being formed by an annular ring provided independently and inserted into an annular recess on the frame; and a sealing element being each provided sealing respectively the inner and the outer  
5 circumferences of the corresponding annular ring and recess.

14. (New) An axial compliant means for a scroll machine as claimed in Claim 6, wherein, the annular recess being formed by an annular ring provided independently and inserted into an annular recess on the piston; and a sealing element being each provided sealing respectively the inner and the outer circumferences of the corresponding annular ring and recess.--